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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started Technology Mission on Cotton in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Mission;

(c) the details of the funds allocated under the Mission to various States so far during each of the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;

(d) the funds utilized by each State during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to obtain the objectives of the Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): In order to improve production, productivity and quality of cotton in the country, a Technology Mission on Cotton was launched by the Central Government in February, 2000 which is implemented in 13 States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Mission has four Mini Missions. The Mini Mission-I deals with the research and development of improved cotton production and crop protection technologies. This Mini Mission is implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Mini Mission-II deals with the developmental programmes for increasing production and productivity of cotton. Under this Mini Mission, assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds of varieties / hybrids not older than 15 years, transfer of technology through demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers, insecticide resistance management, plant protection measures including Integrated Pest Management demonstrations, supply of sprayers, pheromone traps, bio-agents as well as water saving devices like sprinklers and drip irrigation system etc. Mini Mission-II is implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The Mini Mission-III focuses on the development of marketing infrastructure by undertaking activities like construction of market yards, auction centers, grading facilities, laboratories for testing of cotton quality etc. The up gradation and modernization of ginning and pressing factories to improve quality of cotton is undertaken under Mini Mission-IV. Mini Mission-III & IV are implemented by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

(c) & (d): State wise allocation and utilization of funds for last three years and current year allocation is at Annexure.

(e): To meet the objectives of the Mission, the constituent Mini Missions are reviewed and monitored by the teams at field level besides modification, rationalization of assistance, evaluation, inclusion of need based intervention upto ten percent of allocation (Mini Mission- II) and state wise review of Monthly Progress Reports etc. The Mission is also reviewed by a Standing Committee of each Mini Mission.